

**MINUTES OF THE
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2008

At a meeting of the **Planning and Economic Development Committee**, held Tuesday, May 6, 2008, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Brdak, Brown, Camphous-Peterson, DeSaele, DiMaria, Drolet, Duzyj, Gielegthem, Haggerty, Mijac, Rengert and Roberts.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

AUTHORIZE TO AMEND THE 2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (ADDRESS FORECLOSURES IN MACOMB COUNTY) AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE 2008 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE URBAN COUNTY OF MACOMB AND SUBMIT SAME TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DeSAELE, SUPPORTED BY RENGERT, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO ADD A NEW PRIORITY OBJECTIVE (ADDRESS FORECLOSURES IN MACOMB COUNTY) TO THE 2006 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD CHAIR TO EXECUTE THE 2008 ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE URBAN COUNTY OF MACOMB AND SUBMIT SAME TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT ON MAY 16, 2008.

Commissioner Camphous-Peterson abstained from the vote for Care House, because she is a consultant for Care House.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CAMPHOUS-PETERSON “ABSTAINING.”**

PRESENTATION ON MACOMB COUNTY MANUFACTURER'S WAGE AND BENEFIT STUDY

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by Duzyj, to receive and file the report from the Planning and Economic Development Department on the Manufacturer's Wage and Benefit Study.

Mr. Jason Friedman gave a PowerPoint presentation. Key topics covered included: 2008 Macomb County Wage & Benefits Survey, The Survey Methodology, The Survey Measures..., The Survey Includes..., Survey Results, and Final Report to be Published May 20, 2008.

There were no questions for Mr. Friedman.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **The Motion Carried.**

AUTHORIZE TO SUPPORT STUDY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY RENGERT, SUPPORTED BY CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AUTHORIZE TO PROCEED IN ASSESSING THE FACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CONSERVATION EASEMENT GENERALLY IN THE ENVIRONS OF THE 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN AND PROVIDE A REPORT BACK TO THE PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OF BEST METHODS TO PROCEED.

Mr. Gerard Santoro gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled, Potential Floodplain Easement. Key topics covered included: Macomb County's Phase II Permit Responsibilities, Other Benefits, Joint Effort of the Following Agencies, Existing Macomb County Parcels, Potential Wetlands, Michigan Significant Natural Feature, and Potential Use Easement.

Several commissioners spoke in support of this project. Inquiries were directed to Mr. Santoro about topics that he covered in his presentation. During discussion, Mr. Cassin answered questions about the current zoning. During discussion, inquiries were directed to Ms. Lynne Seymour from the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Gielegghem suggested that Mr. Santoro contact the Road Commission and seek their participation in this as well, because there is a provision in Public Act 51, which says that one-percent of all road dollars needs to be applied for non-motorized transportation.

Commissioner Duzyj requested to see the 500-year floodplain. Mr. Santoro said that they could certainly get that for him.

Commissioner Duzyj suggested to seriously start thinking about some way of rezoning this, so that the local city government, township government, and county government are working in conjunction with it to leave it the way it is. Mr. Santoro said that is what the easement would hopefully do. They will look at that as part of the study.

Commissioner DeSaele suggested giving a brief overview about what the 100-year floodplain means. Mr. Santoro said that they could include that as part of their study.

Chair Vosburg called for a vote on the motion and **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Cassin updated commissioners about the Incubator/Smart Zone in that the county was turned down on their \$500,000 request. New measures have been initiated in the state to see if the county can get that \$500,000 as part of another bill. He updated commissioners about staff who recently attended the Beijing Motor Show and the Hamilton Ontario Auto Parts Manufacturing Association. He informed commissioners that staff is attending the National Brownfield Conference being held in Detroit this week.

Lastly, he was contacted by ESPN out of Orlando. They have a program called the Bass Master Elite Series, which they would like to bring to Macomb County as a tournament site next year. They indicate that it would bring \$1 million to \$2 million worth of economic development money spent in the county. The issue is, however, there is the host which would be the county, or the county in partnership with the chamber, or the county in partnership with sports groups, or the Detroit Convention Bureau, or the marinas. We would have to be responsible for all of the security, for the site, a \$60,000 host fee, provide 105 hotel rooms, along with a number of other things. His best estimate is that it would probably cost \$250,000. When he finds out more details, he will report back probably to a committee of the whole to see if the county is interested in getting involved in this effort.

MOTION

A motion was made by Rengert, supported by Haggerty, to receive and file the report from the Executive Director, Planning and Economic Development Department, on departmental activities. **The Motion Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Haggerty, supported by DeSaele, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

Denise M. Jacks
Committee Reporter